HOLYPORT NEWS

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NEWSLETTER 6 - 26 MARCH 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy term! We have had lots of events taking place and I would like to start with extending a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in World Book Day. The effort put into the costumes was truly impressive! It was great to see all of the different book characters walking around the school and there is always a lot of curiosity around who is who and reveals a lot about the popularity of certain characters.... which of course, includes numerous Hogwarts students (and teachers)! The masked reader was a huge success - thank you to Miss Prothero for organising this. Also well done for entering into the spirit of the week with our competitions!

Our Year 3 children held an assembly to tell us about Ramadan and was a joy to see, showing their confidence with speaking and acting parts making it all a true celebration!

Year 1 put on a truly lovely assembly this week, sharing their learning with confidence and big smiles. Parents and staff alike were impressed by how well the children worked together and how clearly they presented their ideas. We are very proud of every one of them.

Our Year 5 children had an amazing time at their residential trip to Oakwood! It was a wonderful opportunity for them to build independence, try new activities, and enjoy time together outside the classroom.

We hope you enjoyed the Easter Service that took place and weren't we lucky to have the sun shining on the walk to and from the Church this year! Thank you to the Community Wardens and the HSA volunteers who helped support us with crossing roads and the route! Thank you to Mrs Madden for the amazing job she does in planning and co-ordinating the programme and songs.

Our Lent Appeal has been very successful and we hope you enjoyed the 'dance into school' morning today!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to welcoming the children back after the Easter break, ready for an exciting summer term ahead.

Kind regards,

Amanda Featherstone
Headteacher

Our Christian Value this term is.... Responsibility

UNICEF Rights of the Child Article 29
Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

Want to know school dates on the go?

Did you know you can sync our school calendar to your phone's calendar?
On your phone or device, simply go to our calendar page on our school website and click "Subscribe to this calendar"

Click here to go to our calendar



Holyport CE Primary School takes safeguarding very seriously. If you ever have a concern, please do not hesitate to report it to one of our designated staff:

Mrs Featherstone
(Head &DSL)
Mrs Healy
(SENCO/PP pupils & DDSL)
Mr Putman
(Assistant Head & DDSL)
Miss Prothero
(Assistant Head & DDSL)

Notices

We have had a few cases of headlice in school, please check your child's hair regularly!

We have had a pair of adult glasses handed into the school office - please contact us if you are missing a pair!

Thank you!

Term 4	
27/3	Last Day of Term - 2.00pm - HSA Colour Run
Term 5	
13/4/26	Inset Day - School Closed to Children
14/4/26	Back to School
14/4/26	NCMP Reception Height/Weight
15/4 - 8.50am	Year 5 Festival Assembly - Parents Welcome
23/4 - 8.50am	EYFS Show Assembly - Parents Welcome
24/4/26	HSA Year 1 Cake Sale
28/4	Year 5 Trip to Ufton Court
1/5	HSA Bottle Collection with Non-uniform Day
4/5	Bank Holiday
5-7/5	Year 5 Bikeability
5/5	Year 3 Trip to Kew Gardens
6/5	Year 4 Trip to Oakwood Activity Centre
11-14/5	Year 6 SATS
15/5	HSA BBQ and Movie Night
18-22/5	Healthy Lifestyles Week
20/5	Sports Day - Years 1 & 2 - 9.30-11.30am
21/5	Sports Days Years 3 & 4 - 9.30am-11.30am Years 5 & 6 - 1pm-3pm
22/5	Last Day of Term - 3.15pm
22/5	HSA Reception Class Cake Sale

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception
Lawrie
Isla

Year 1
Athena
Tiree
Watson
Millie

Year 2
Scott
Theo
Benjamin-Phillip

Year 3
Sofia
Ajay
The Whole Class
Destiny

Year 4
Dorothy
Prabh
Joshua
Natalia

Year 5
Yahya
Henry
Ethan
The Whole Calss

Year 6
Thomas S
Carter
Florence

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

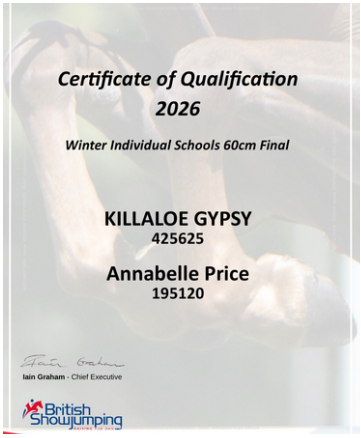


Cross Fit Kids Athlete of the Week - Franklin earned the trophy for his outstanding work on the rower and his excellent focus throughout the session.

He demonstrated really strong rowing skills, executing all the drills to a very high standard. Franklin was especially focused on the three key points of performance we discussed, applying them consistently and with great attention to detail.

Amazing effort, focus, and attitude from Franklin - well done!





Annabelle in Year 2 and Michael in Year 4 have recently qualified for the national schools championship.
They will be presenting Holyport and this will take place on the weekend 22nd March.
We would like to wish them both all the best of luck on their horses!
Michael has also qualified with a brilliant 4 ponies for the Just For Schools Winter Finals that take place in Wales at the end of March.

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our World Book Day celebrations were a wonderful success and it was fantastic to see so many children and staff embracing the joy of reading.

The costumes were fantastic, with children proudly coming to school dressed as their favourite book characters.

The Masked Reader assembly created lots of excitement as children tried to guess which members of staff were behind the disguises!

We were also incredibly lucky to welcome a range of inspiring visitors. Philip Kavvadias worked with children in Years 3–6, Rhian Lynette shared wonderful storytelling with KS1 and LKS2 and Julia Blackburn visited us this week.

Drama4All delivered engaging storytelling workshops for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Children also showed great creativity with their story cubes, using them to invent imaginative stories and comic strips. It was a brilliant celebration of reading, storytelling and creativity across the whole school.











Y3/4 ATHLETICS COUNTY FINALS - NEWBURY



Our athletics team had a fantastic time representing the school at last week's Y3/4 Athletics County Finals competition.

The children's behaviour, attitude and application at the was exceptional. They represented the school today at county level, and performed superbly. We came home with the bronze medal! For a one form entry school to compete at this level is an amazing achievement, and the children should be incredibly proud of themselves.

I was of course incredibly proud of their skill level, but more importantly, I was so proud of how they applied themselves. They found the perfect balance between being competitiveness and enjoyment. They remained positive and calm throughout.

So a big thank you, and a massive well done to the children!

Mr Deverall

EYFS BASIL AND CREW FARM VISIT





This term Reception and Pre-Reception are learning all about 'Amazing Animals'. To enhance this topic Ms Horn arranged for Basil and Crew to visit us with their mobile petting farm. It was a lovely experience for the children.

We had a donkey, sheep, rabbits, ducks, chickens, guinea pigs, a pony and goats all make themselves at home in our playground. From the moment the donkey stepped off the trailer it started braying and made us all giggle!

Farmer Sue gave us a safety talk and told us how to approach animals and how to feed them using a flat hand. We could also help groom the pony and handle the rabbits and guinea pigs. It was a great memorable experience that the children have been talking about all week.

A lot of fun was had by all the children and staff. Sorry we couldn't keep the donkey – despite a lot of requests!

HOP (HOLYPORT OUTDOOR PLAY)





I am delighted to share some pictures and a brief update on the success of our HOP (Holyport Outdoor Play) and the positive impact it is having across our school community.

Since introducing HOP, we have seen a wonderful transformation in the quality of play and the atmosphere on our playground.

What we are seeing on the playground

Happier, more active children, improved social skills and greater independence and confidence.

What we've introduced through HOP

Thanks to your support and the enthusiasm of the children, we now have:

- A wider range of play equipment and open-ended materials (such as crates, tyres and loose parts)
- Defined zones that encourage creativity, construction, den building, imaginative play, creative play and active challenges
- More opportunities for inclusive play, ensuring all children can find something they enjoy

Looking ahead

We will continue to develop our outdoor areas and introduce even more play opportunities throughout the year – mud kitchen pending. There will also be future chances for families to get involved, whether through donations of materials or volunteering.

We are incredibly proud of how the children have embraced HOP and grateful for the support we have received from parents and carers so far. Together, we are creating a more joyful, and more meaningful play experience for every child in our school.

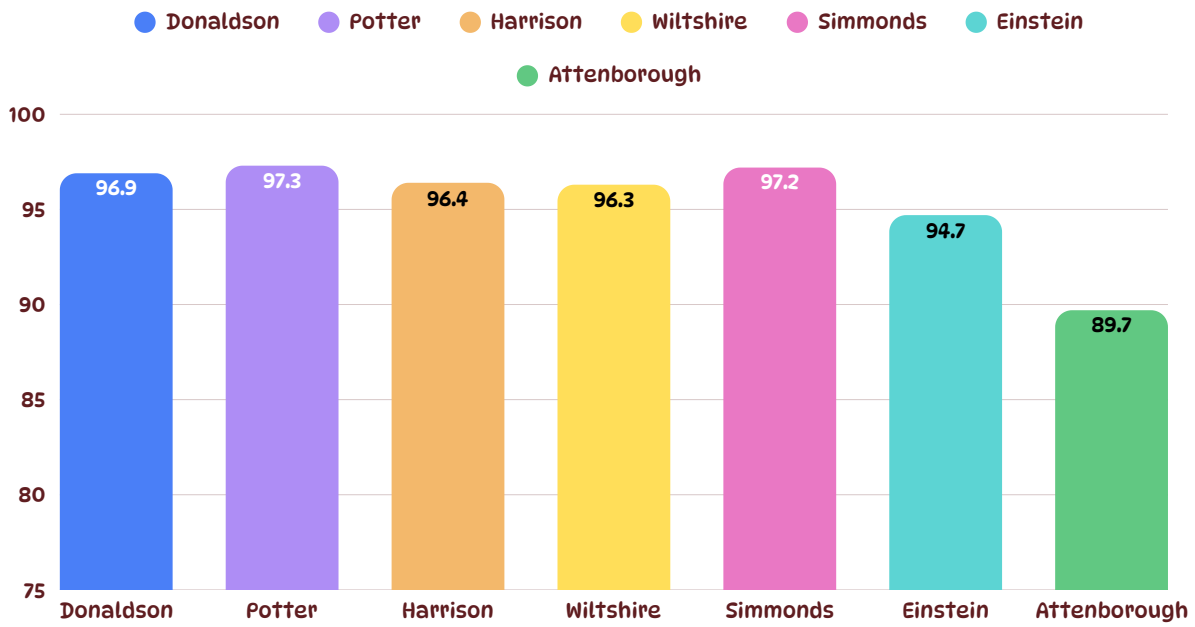
Thank you for being part of this exciting journey.



Miss Prothero




ATTENDANCE MATTERS



The Importance of Good Attendance

At Holyport, we place great importance on good school attendance. Being in school every day helps children make steady progress, build confidence, and stay connected with their friends and teachers.

We understand that children can become unwell from time to time, and in those cases they should of course stay at home. However, even one or two days of absence each term can quickly add up and may affect learning.

How Parents Can Help Improve Attendance

Here are a few simple ways families can support strong attendance:

- Establish a good morning routine: Preparing bags and uniforms the night before helps mornings run more smoothly.
- Aim for early bedtimes: Well-rested children find it easier to get up and be ready for school.
- Arrive on time: Being punctual helps children feel settled and ready to learn from the start of the day.

Please be aware that the school or local authority can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from school, where the child is of compulsory school age. The decision on whether or not to issue a penalty notice may take into account:

- The number of unauthorised absences occurring within a rolling academic year
- One-off instances of irregular attendance, such as holidays taken in term time without permission

We understand that there can be tricky times and we offer our full support with any attendance issue... keeping us in the loop is the key. If there are problems, we will do everything that we can to make attending school as simple as possible whilst ensuring your child is happy and reaches their full potential. If there are ever any problems, please talk with Mrs Featherstone at the earliest opportunity and we will do everything that we can to help and support.

DRAMA4ALL WORKSHOPS



Well, THAT WAS FUN!

We loved introducing your child to the confidence building world of Perform today. And guess what, it's just the beginning...

PERFORM
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Perform classes help boost children's **confidence, concentration, coordination** and **communication** skills, as well as being lots of fun.

Our expertly designed drama, dance and singing sessions for 4-7s and 7-12s are run by experienced teachers, hand-picked for their warmth and approachability.

They'll be with your child every step of the way – inspiring and encouraging them to develop vital life skills as they discover the joy of performing.

"We couldn't be happier with William's Perform experience. We signed up to boost his confidence and it's making a wonderful difference." - Samantha Nye

What does Perform offer?

- Performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps
- End of term presentation for family and friends

Try a FREE CLASS at your nearest venue

Perform Maidenhead
Saturdays at 9.30am (4-7s), 11.15am (7-12s). Boyne Hill Infant School, Rutland Road, SL6 4HZ

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Perform Ascot
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